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Canada develops 'bomb sniffer'

OTTAWA, Aug. 27 (R) — Canadian researchers have developed a compact "bomb sniffer" that can detect explosives within minutes.

A spokesman for the transport department said Thursday that the device, developed over three years, could be ready for sale within 18 months. The spokesman, who declined for security reasons to say how the device worked, said it was "portable, compact, cheap and sensitive." It will detect most explosives in a very short time."

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Paris offers planes

PARIS, Aug. 27 (R) — France has decided to sell its most advanced fighter, the Mirage 2000, to China and negotiations have started in Peking, Defense Minister Charles Hernu said Friday. China has for some time been pressing to buy the Mirage but French officials have consistently said that there have been no plans to sell them to China.

China has been eager to update its ageing air force because most of its fighter bombers are Soviet-built MiG 17s and MiG 19s, 20 years old and obsolete in terms of modern warfare.

Somalia gets U.S. weapons

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R) — The United States is airlifting extra military equipment to Somalia to respond to renewed attacks from Ethiopia and Ethiopia-supported forces, a State Department spokesman said Thursday night.

"This provides a clear demonstration of our concern over this situation and our action to support Somalia against external attack," he said. The spokesman declined to specify what equipment was sent, but asked if it enhanced Somalia's military capability, he replied: "Certainly."

Somalia's President Muhammad Siad Barre on an official U.S. visit earlier this year requested more American military and economic aid. This year assistance to Somalia totaled about \$80 million and President Reagan has requested \$90 million for 1983.

Since the 1977 war with Ethiopia over the Ogaden, there has been an influx of refugees into Somalia putting a strain on the country's finances. Both Cuba and the Soviet Union have backed Ethiopia in the conflict.

Somalia says Ethiopia troops are involved in the current fighting, while Ethiopia says its forces are not involved and that the Somalis are being attacked by dissidents based in Addis-Ababa.

French extremist to surrender

PARIS, Aug. 27 (AP) — Jean-Marc Rouillan, founder and leader of France's most feared extremist group, Direct Action, has written to the authorities saying he plans to surrender, police said Thursday.

In a letter to Assistant Criminal Brigade Commissioner Claude Cances, the 31-year-old fugitive said he was prepared to "take responsibility" for his actions and turn himself in when his lawyer returns from vacation.

Police declined to say when they received the letter or when the lawyer was expected to return to Paris, but they said the letter had been authenticated.

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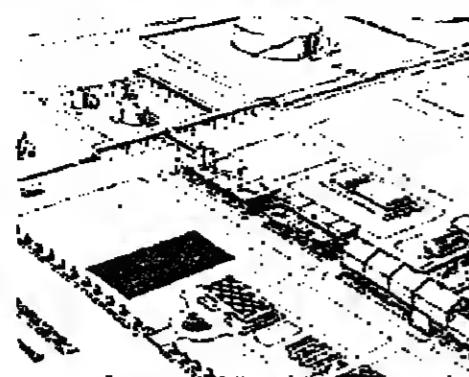
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In 1st half of 1982

Japan exports touch \$3.28 billion

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JOINT VENTURE: An artist's impression of the SABIC-Japanese consortium methanol plant.

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — Trade and economic cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Japan is growing rapidly keeping pace with the fast industrial development in the Kingdom. Japan's exports to the Kingdom registered a 22.1 percent growth to \$3.28 billion in the first six months of this year over the same period last year. Exports to the Kingdom in 1981 were higher by 21 percent compared to the performance of the previous year.

Monthly exports from Japan show a continuous upward trend until March, 1982. Figures start declining in the second quarter, but performance was still better compared to that of April-June last year. "Saudi Arabia supplies nearly 35 percent of our oil requirements," said Michio Hirano, counselor and chief of the economic and commercial section at the Japanese embassy here. He told *Arab News* that Japan's oil imports from the Kingdom also witnessed a sustained rise in the first quarter of this year to total \$6.26 billion against \$5.87 billion in the same period last year.

During the second quarter, however, oil imports declined in \$4.93 billion from the \$5.23 billion April-June, 1981, mark. Thus, the oil imports during January-June this year totaled \$11.19 billion against \$11.10 billion in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 0.7 percent.

Hirano said the major share of cooperation between the two countries has so far been in economic fields. A \$1.534 billion contract was signed last year between the Eastern Petrochemicals company, (Sharq), an affiliate of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corpora-

tion (SABIC), and the Chiyoda Chemical Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. for engineering and constructing a petrochemical complex in Jubail. The \$270 million Saudi Methanol Company in Jubail also has Japanese participation.

Under an accord signed in January this year with the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) Japan has designed the workshop and institute for the corporation. The Japanese also will help establish a research institute and a vocational workshop for the Saudi staff near an SWCC desalination plant in Yanbu.

Work on the Riyadh Electronic Institute, for which Japan has designed and planned special of machines, equipments and systems, is going on and "we wish to receive trainees from the Saudi government 'staff,'" Hirano said. Since 1979, every year Japanese experts have been sent to draw a map for the Kingdom and also assist the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization to establish electronic standards.

Trade between the two countries, since they signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement in 1975, has grown considerably. The balance of trade surplus, in favor of the Kingdom, also increased year after year. Japan's exports in 1975 totaled \$1.351 billion against oil imports from Kingdom valued at \$6.135 billion — a deficit of \$4,784 billion. In 1976 the deficit widened to \$5,935 billion and in 1977 it reached \$6.163 billion. After a decline in 1978 to \$5.206 billion, the deficit jumped to \$8.305 billion in 1979, went up further to \$14.683 billion in 1980 and to a record level of \$15.607 billion last year. This was mainly because Japan's exports increased gradually from \$3.254 billion in 1978 to \$5.876 billion last year, while its oil imports recorded a phenomenal growth from \$8.460 billion in 1978 to \$21.483 billion last year.

The analysis of trade during last two years shows that Japan's imports from the Kingdom in 1981 totaled \$21.482 billion (\$21.474 billion mineral fuels including crude oil and petroleum products and \$8 million other items) compared to \$19.538 billion (\$19.534 billion mineral fuels and \$3.8 million other items) in the previous year, an increase of 9.95 percent.

Japan's exports totaled \$5.876 billion last year against \$4.855 billion in the previous year, recording an increase of 21 percent. The commodity-wise breakdown of exports last year with 1980 figures in brackets is as follows (in millions \$): Foodstuff, 151.3 (145.9); textile and textile goods, 466 (442.4); non-metallic products, 131.8 (121.4); metal and metallic products, 1,060.5 (978.2); chemical products, 39.1 (28.6); machinery and equipments, 3,695.1 (2,835.3); and others, 332.6 (303.8).

22 KAU students to train in Japan

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — A group of 22 engineering students from the King Abdul Aziz University will receive a two-month training course in Japan this year, according Japanese embassy sources here. *Arab News* learnt that a group of the students left for Japan earlier this week for electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering training. Another group, for training in civil and architectural engineering, will leave next week.

Under the economic and technical cooperation agreement with Saudi

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:32	12:23	11:54	11:41	12:06	12:35
Asr (Afternoon)	3:46	3:51	3:23	3:12	3:36	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:42	6:45	6:17	6:05	6:30	7:01
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King to open army hospital Tuesday

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — King Fahd will formally inaugurate Tuesday the new Armed Forces Hospital here. The hospital, which has been operating for the last three months, has 176 beds and four departments — surgery, internal diseases, paediatrics and maternity.

Dr. Abdul Hameed Sulaiman the hospital's director, announcing the "happy" inaugural function, said the hospital has 134 doctors, of whom 40 percent are Saudi Arabians and another 36 under training. Its current staff of 1,300 will be increased shortly to 1,500, Sulaiman said. A group of doctors has been sent abroad for specialization.

The hospital has a department for normal, ultrasonic vibration, nuclear and computer X-ray analysis. Its laboratory has a division for analysis, a blood bank, a hormones division, an organ anatomy division and a microanalysis division. Sulaiman said work will begin within a few days at the kidney wash, intensive care, preventive medicine, aviation medicine and the heart clinic units. The aviation medicine unit has two doctors, one at the

hospital and the other a resident at the local air base. The heart clinic has 13 beds, the hospital director said.

Outpatient clinics cover internal, psychiatric, heart and general surgery specializations. The general surgery department has specialized units for urinary tracks, plastic, bone, nose, ear, throat, eye and dental operations and a gynecology unit.

Saudi Arabia to treat injured Palestinians

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — King Fahd decreed Thursday night that Palestinians who were injured during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon could be treated at the Kingdom's hospitals or abroad at Saudi Arabia's expense.

The King, in a special message to Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, sought information about the places where the injured Palestinians would be treated.

ADS organizes introductory courses for computer users

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — A national computer systems company is progressing with training courses to meet the demand for people who know about computers created by the wide-scale use of this technology in government and private businesses in Saudi Arabia during the last few years.

Arabian Data Systems (ADS), the largest Saudi Arabian owned, based and managed computer systems company, offers various computer training programs in addition to the comprehensive systems management, consultancy and educational services, said ADS Chairman Dr. Sami Muhammad Zaidan.

"Our mission is to help the computer user to reap the maximum benefits from his powerful technological tool. Foremost in this mission is adapting all educational methods so they maintain the cherished cultural traditions of the Kingdom," he said. He told *Arab News*, that the number of computers installed in government and private businesses in the Kingdom has grown dramatically in the last few years, creating a major need for people to know more about computers. The courses offered by ADS are designed to provide the participant most practical information available to gain a working knowledge of computers and their uses. The concepts of computers are reinforced by simple programming exercises in the basic language.

ADS has a proven record in Saudi Arabia. Some of its projects include computer system and facilities management for the new Jeddah International Airport; installation and operation of computer systems at Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry; installation and operation of computer systems for Brown Boveri in Yanbu; operation of the meteorological and environmental protection administration data center in Jeddah; and education projects for Saudi Ports Authority.

Zaidan said his company, established in 1978, offers a phased approach to computer education and training. Students are first tested for English language skills and programming aptitudes. Those who show aptitude for computing careers enter the "computer concepts" course offered in English at the ADS Institute in Saudi Arabia. The four-week course includes text and related program materials and practical training in addition to the use of videos, color slides and overhead transparencies to facilitate understanding.

The course covers an introduction to elec-



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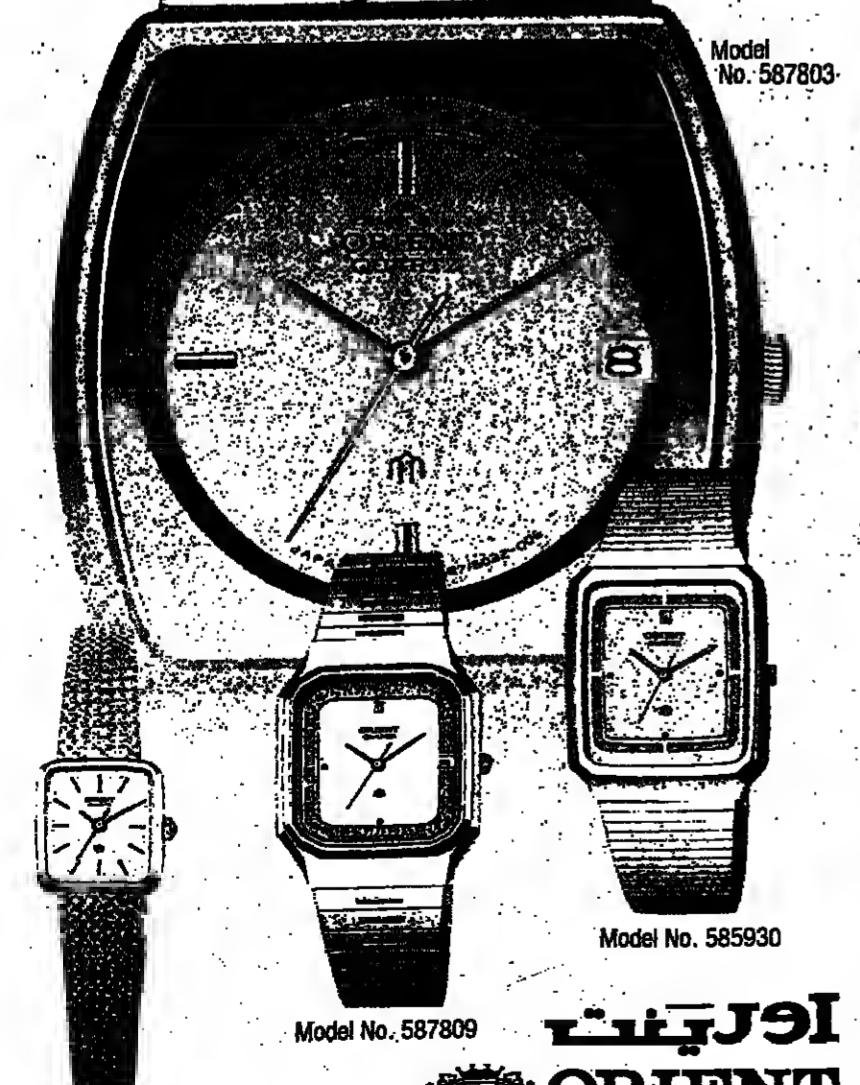
TRAINING: Participants in the "computer concepts" courses, offered in Jeddah by the ADS, are seen taking instructions and practicing.

tronic data processing, programming and software, program flowcharting and design, computer hardware characteristics, telecommunications and computer networks, computer applications and systems, systems analysis and design, managing the computer systems resource and training on computers. Students who excel at these introductory courses could well qualify for further government-sponsored training at the ADS Institute in Eckerd College, Florida, USA." Zaidan said.

A 42-week business applications programming course in Florida is designed to achieve practical results in the shortest possible time.

Participants gain hands-on experience with computers from the outset. The program secures an introduction to computer systems, COBOL primer, basic input/output programming, arithmetic in COBOL, group reports, multiple record processing, internal table processing, multiple sequential file processing, direct access file processing, COBOL debugging, team projects, introduction to systems analysis, components of a business system, file design, payroll, check writing, accounts payable and other typical business applications.

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Over backing Israeli invasion U.S. residents cable concern to Reagan

By Gregory Llewellyn
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Aug. 27 — A group of Americans in the Eastern Province have cabled President Ronald Reagan to express their concern over the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and, in particular, the indiscriminate bombardment and blockade of West Beirut.

The cable, which went on to voice outrage at the use of U.S.-supplied weapons during the invasion in apparent violation of the U.S. laws governing their use, urged Reagan to use "all political and practical means to ensure a speedy cessation to hostilities in Lebanon."

In a groundswell of support, the signatures of 970 American citizens were secured in a period of two days and

appended to the cable where they were listed in three columns for a total cable length of five feet.

Copies of the cable, the original of which was sent to the U.S. president through Secretary of State George Schultz, were dispatched to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Charles Percy (R-Ipp), and Speaker of the House of Representatives Tip O'Neil (D-Mass.).

Buoyed by their success in collecting signatures for the cable, the Americans, who banded together under the catalytic effect of a letter published last month in *Arab News* by Henry Riger, have made a copy of the Reagan cablegram available to U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Richard Murphy.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH. (SPA) — Jacques Roy, Canada's ambassador to the Kingdom, left here Thursday for home after the end of his mandate. He was seen off at the airport by Hussein Marzouqi, assistant chief of the foreign ministry protocol, and Canadian embassy staff.

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The letter which accompanies this copy urges Murphy to "convey to American leaders the fact that many Americans here are profoundly disturbed over the bloodshed in Lebanon and over its wider implications for the image of the United States in the region."

It goes on to add: "We would be solidly behind decisive new directions in U.S. policy for the whole area, based on a just peace for all its people and balanced approach to the Palestine problem. We believe that rigorous and consistent implementation of a coherent policy is urgently needed, not only to foster peace in the area, but also to promote America's interest in this important part of the world."

UAE to host GCC information meeting

RIYADH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host a three-day conference of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) information undersecretaries Sept. 14 to discuss setting up a Gulf broadcasting station, a Saudi newspaper reported.

The *Al-Masayea*, published here, quoting a dispatch from Abu Dhabi said Thursday that the officials will also review coordination between foreign and information ministries in "view of the close links between information and foreign policy."

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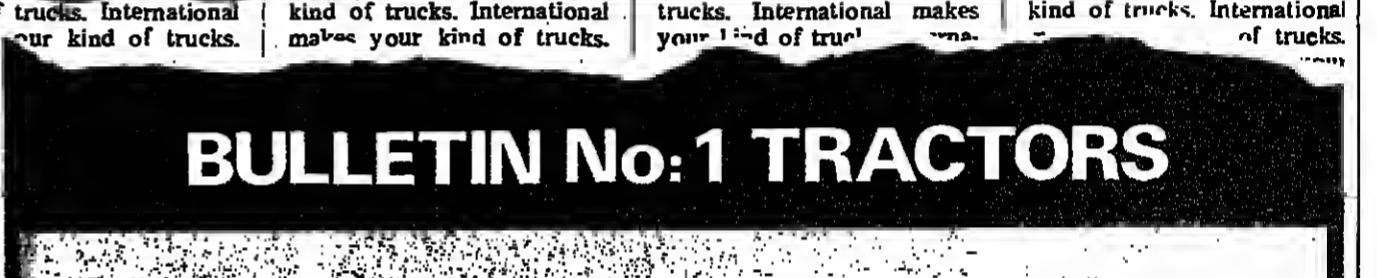
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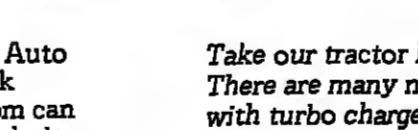
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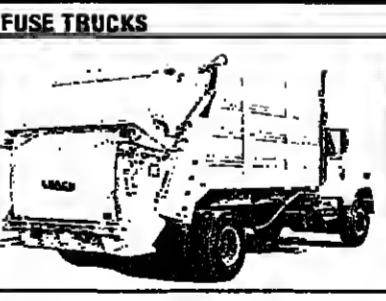
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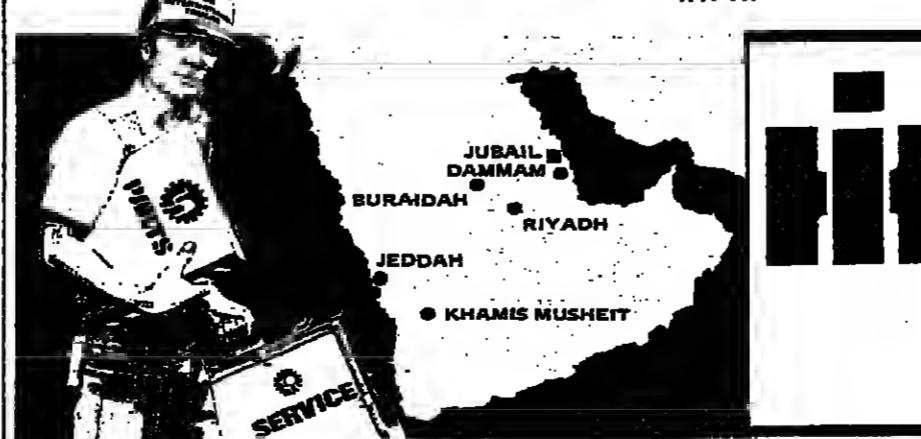
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West Beirutis return as peace forces deploy

BEIRUT, Aug. 27 (AP) — Thousands of West Beirut residents who fled during Israel's bombing raid jammed the crossing points between the capital's eastern and western sectors Thursday as multinational peacekeeping forces deployed in the city.

Traffic at the Galerie Semaan, the main artery between East and West Beirut, was backed up several kilometers, blocking the Beirut-Damascus highway. Avenue Abdallah Yaf, which passes Lebanese Army, Christian militia and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) checkpoints near the old National Museum, was clogged with pickup trucks and cars piled high with household belongings and suitcases.

"I think the Beirut war is now over, so we are going back," said air conditioning technician Muhammad Al-Masry. "During the war we were on the east side. Now we are going back and I hope it is forever."

More than 150,000 people are believed to have fled their Beirut homes since Israeli forces encircled the western sector where more than 600,000 people lived before the Israeli

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli Air Force Friday began military flights between Tel Aviv and Beirut International Airport. Israeli Army radio reported.

KARACHI (AP) — Ailing Nusrat Bhutto, widow of assassinated Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, will be allowed to proceed to Europe for her medical treatment under certain conditions, a highly placed official source in Karachi said Thursday.

ISTANBUL (AP) — Overnight rain storms in Istanbul and Ankara flooded scores of houses in low-lying areas and snarled traffic during rush hours, officials reported Thursday.

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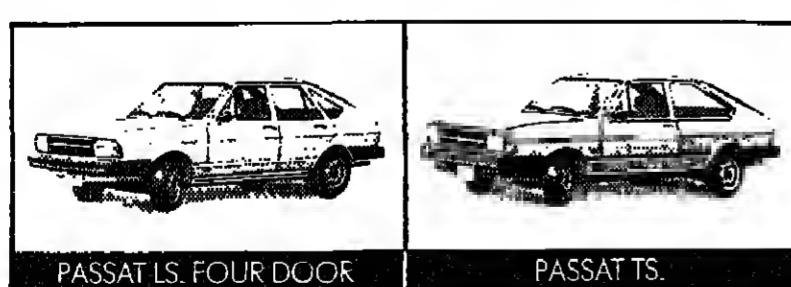
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Tunisia prepares to welcome Arafat

TUNIS, Aug. 27 (R) — A seaside palace surrounded by ornamental gardens and palm trees was being prepared Friday as the new home of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Some 1,100 of his fighters in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) are due to arrive in Tunisia early on Saturday. They will be met with a full-scale welcome headed by President Habib Bourguiba.

There have been no major clashes between Palestinian fighters and Israeli troops in the city since the start of the evacuation last Saturday, although Israeli military command in Tel Aviv said one Israeli soldier was killed by sniper fire near the museum last Tuesday. But there has been almost nightly shooting as the Palestinians or leftist gunmen light up the sky with phosphorous-tipped tracer bullets as part of their round-the-clock send-off of Palestinian evacuees.

"It's finished, the war is finished, I hope," said Arif Hilawi, a merchant who said he was returning home after spending 70 days in Tripoli in northern Lebanon.

"All the people I know told me that when the Palestinians go out, it'll be finished," said Hilawi whose three children struggled to prevent a pile of suitcases at the back of their car from falling on them.

But other people waiting for their vehicles to be inspected by Lebanese Army troops at an intersection where an Israeli tank was parked in the corner gasoline station, were reluctant to cite the PLO departure as their reason for returning.

"Suddenly yesterday we decided to come," said Abdullah Sarraf, a 51-year-old airline employee who said he left Beirut Aug. 6 for Aley in the mountains southeast of the city.

The residence being prepared for Arafat is called the Assaada Palace at La Marsa, about 25 kms north of Tunis. Queen Elizabeth of England stayed there during her visit to Tunisia in 1980, and it is normally reserved for President Bourguiba's guests.

The commandos will be housed at a camp now being set up in the grounds of an agricultural college at Oued Zagoua, on Tunisia's fertile agricultural plain, about 115 kms away from the palace.

Tunisian Army engineers Friday were fitting out the college building with showers, games rooms, kitchens and sleeping quarters for about 300 of the Palestinians. The others will be put in tents nearby. Bulldozers have scraped out a playing field to help fill their leisure hours.

The commandos will arrive here aboard the Cypriot ship *Sol Phryne* which will be escorted as far as Tunisian territorial waters by two warships, one American, the other French.

In South Lebanon

UNRWA to rebuild refugee camps

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — A United Nations agency, with Israel's reluctant approval, will rebuild gutted refugee camps in South Lebanon for as many as 40,000 Palestinians displaced by Arab-Israeli wars, an Israeli cabinet minister said Thursday.

Israel reversed its objections to rehousing the refugees near its northern border after the Lebanese government flatly refused to allocate land for new camps farther northward, said Yaakov Meridor, the Israeli minister in charge of relief projects in Lebanon.

Meridor said the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which has been pressing to re-enter the refugee camps obliterated by Israeli invasion forces, will begin reconstruction work in about two weeks with the arrival of the first shipment of thousands of tents. Both the

Israeli and Lebanese governments see the reconstruction as an undesirable stopgap measure until the refugees can be relocated.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) is heading a committee with Lebanon and Israel participating to seek a more permanent solution for the refugees. So far the committee has a fund of \$100 million, half allocated by Congress.

Southern Lebanon was the home of an estimated 300,000 people who were expelled by Israel from Palestine in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Most were housed and educated in UNRWA camps. The camps were leveled during the first days of Israel's invasion last June.

Meridor estimated that 30,000 Palestinians were left homeless by the invasion, but UNRWA puts the figure at 40,000.

N. Yemen approves national charter

BRAHAIN, Aug. 27 (R) — A North Yemeni General People's Conference Thursday endorsed a national charter for the south Arabian country and decided to set up a 70-member permanent committee to implement it, the official Saudi Press Agency reported from Sanaa. The agency said the assembly, chaired by President Ali Abdullah Saleh, decided 50 members of the committee would be elected and the others nominated by the country's political leadership.

It gave no details, but last year a North Yemeni government decree said a 1,000-member General People's Conference would be held to approve the charter.

China holds U.S. responsible for Israeli blitz

PEKING, Aug. 27 (AP) — The United States bears responsibility for Israeli aggression in Lebanon and must make all Israeli troops withdraw immediately. China's leading newspaper said Friday. *The People's Daily* praised the Palestine Liberation Organization and called the PLO withdrawal "a noble contribution" to a peaceful solution of the Lebanon crisis.

The newspaper, voice of the Communist Party Central Committee, said the United States has an "unshirkable responsibility" for the Israeli invasion. The United States, it said, "now must take it upon itself to initiate the immediate and complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, so as to guarantee the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country."

The newspaper warned that Israel should not delay the withdrawal or intervene in Lebanon's internal affairs. It called on the international community to promote a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problems.

In an editorial entitled "Salute to the heroic Palestinian fighters," it said the PLO spared Beirut from a holocaust.

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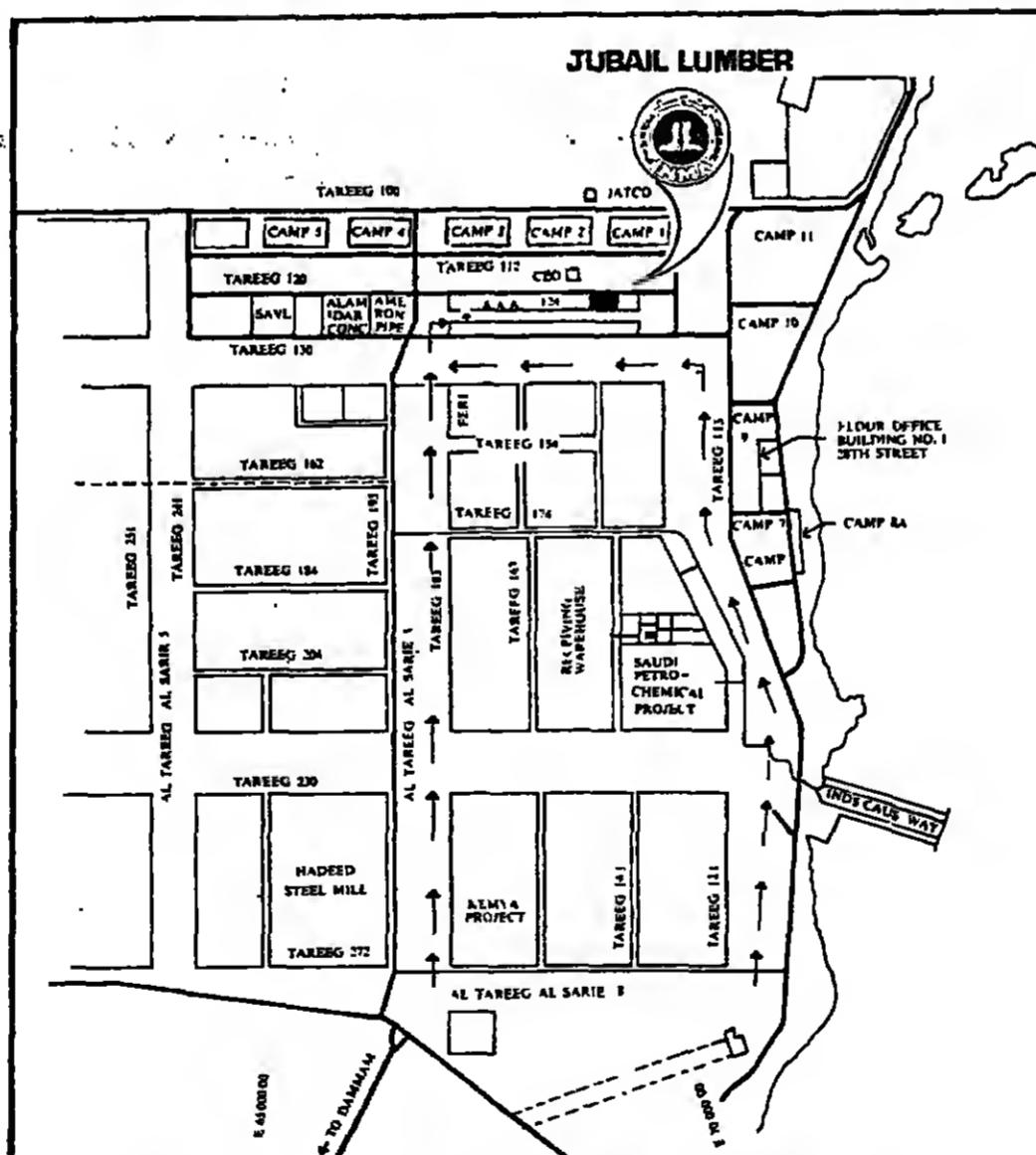
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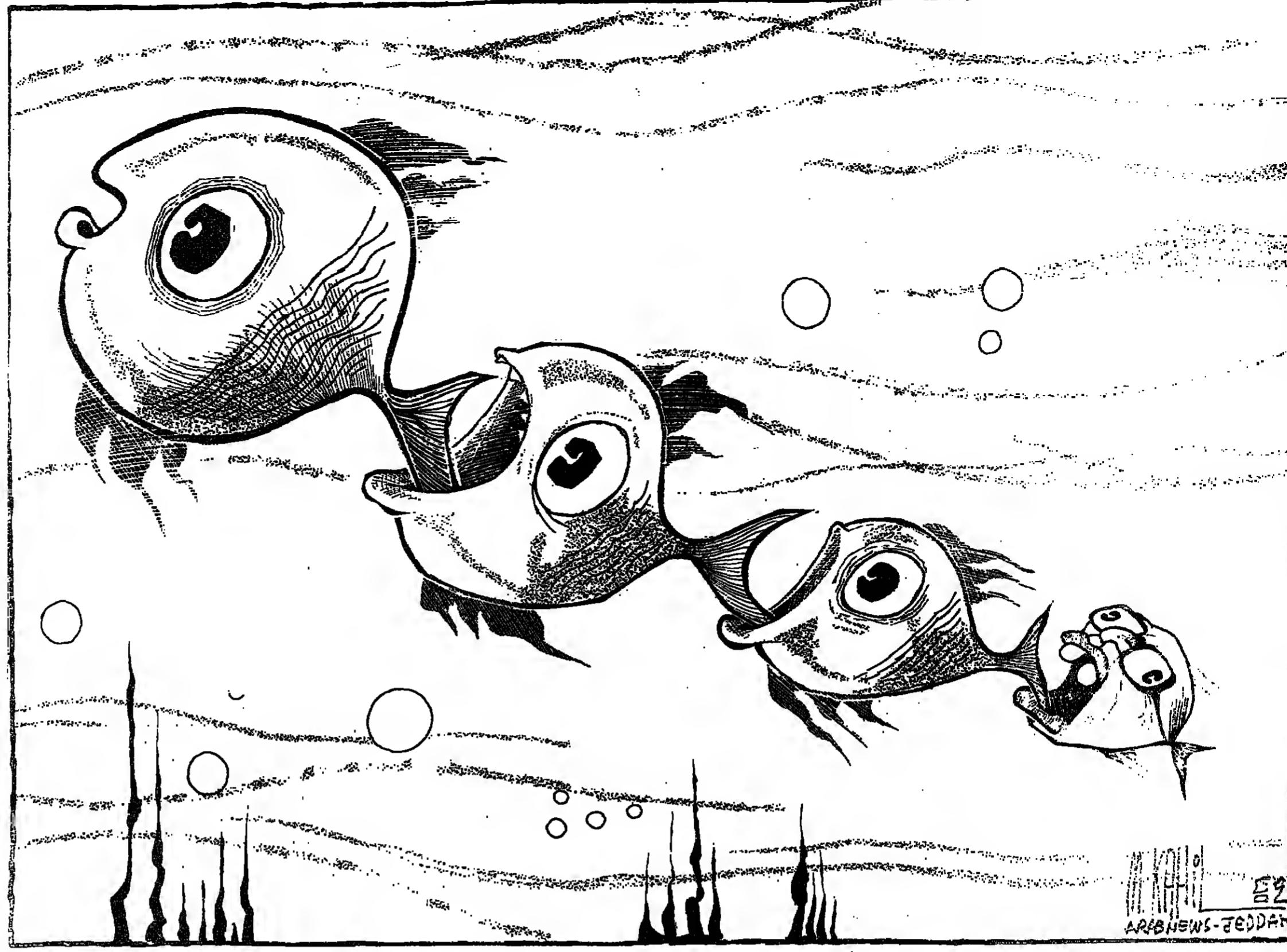
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What next for the PLO?

By Michael Adams

As I write, the evacuation of the PLO fighters from Beirut continues smoothly. There remain all sorts of uncertainties. Will the Israelis allow the international force which is supervising the evacuation to operate in freedom? What about the families of the fighters, who must number many thousands of women and children and whom the PLO men are unwilling to leave behind them?

The most immediate uncertainty stems from the fear of renewed Israeli bombardment of the city. A few days before the evacuation started last week when the American mediator, Philip Habib, seemed on the point of success, and when both the Lebanese government and the PLO appeared to have accepted his plan, heavy fighting broke out again in Beirut and Israeli planes came back to bomb the southern outskirts of the city. As usual there was argument about who had started the firing; but there was little doubt in anyone's mind that what lay behind it was the Israelis' belief that without this relentless military pressure there could be no certainty that the evacuation would take place

as planned. But the fact that the Israelis, even while they were discussing Habib's plan with him, found it necessary to go on bombing Beirut does underline the quandary in which they have put themselves. The bombardment, with its cruel civilian casualties, has angered the Americans because it hampers the negotiations; and it has so eroded support for Israel in the outside world that even Jewish groups and individuals, including rabbis, members of parliament and university lecturers, have started to voice in public their distaste and in some cases their horror at the actions of the Israeli government.

But without the bombardment, the Israelis were afraid that they would not achieve the objective that they had set themselves of getting the PLO out of Beirut once and for all. And after all that they have said and done, it would be impossible for Begin and his minister of defense, Ariel Sharon — who is the chief architect of this bloody adventure — to order their troops to withdraw without gaining that objec-

tive. And what then? If the PLO evacuation ends without a major hold-up, will that be the end of the PLO both as a political and as a military organization? I very much doubt it.

After the evacuation, the PLO fighters with their political leadership (which seems so far to have survived the Israeli onslaught virtually intact) will presumably be dispersed among some Arab countries, in much the same way that the rest of the Palestinian population is scattered throughout the Arab world. Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia, Sudan, Algeria, North and South Yemen have all been mentioned as likely destinations.

The governments of all these countries would be sure to keep a close eye on any PLO members to whom they offer hospitality. But the Palestinian national movement has grown so strong as a political force — and its strength will only have been increased by its success in holding off the Israelis in Beirut for two months, despite the enormous disparity in weaponry between them — that it will not be easy, in fact I doubt whether it will be possible, for any government to suppress it.

For one thing, the standing of the PLO and of the cause which it represents is not dependent within the Arab world on the military strength of the organization. What it depends on ultimately is the support and sympathy of the Arab people; and it will have gained rather than lost sympathy as a result of its ordeal in Lebanon and the fact that the Arab governments did not come to its assistance.

So within the Arab world, I believe, the PLO will remain a significant political force and will continue to be the focus for the political aspirations of a Palestinian people more than ever aroused and determined to gain its independence. But what will be more important will be the extent to which the PLO can preserve and if possible strengthen its standing in the world at large, by adapting itself to the change in its circumstances forced upon it by events in Lebanon.

Here I see three possibilities. One is that the PLO, exhausted by the struggle in Lebanon and power-

less, at least for the time being, to exert any physical pressure on Israel, lapses into obscurity. The second is that the PLO as a whole or some of its constituent organizations will resort to the kind of international violence which earned them a bad name in the early 1970s and which Yasser Arafat persuaded them to abandon in favor of the diplomatic battle for recognition and independence.

The third possibility is the one which will require most courage and self-control. It would mean the continuation of that diplomatic battle, in which the PLO had made such gains but which they tried to fight at the same time as they kept up the much less successful armed confrontation with Israel. To continue the diplomatic battle now, with their military capacity destroyed, will seem to some Palestinians a waste of time. Who is going to take any notice of us, they will say, if we have no power, no force, with which to back up our claims? And they may well be right to think like this in a harsh world of *realpolitik*.

If the Palestinians play their cards right, however, it seems to me that the opposite could be the case. The very fact that the PLO in future — in the near future, at any rate — will not represent a military threat to Israel, or to anyone else, may be a substantial asset for it in its political and diplomatic struggle. It will undermine the principal argument used by the Israelis in opposing Palestinian claims: the argument that if these claims were accepted, the result would be the destruction of Israel. And because the Israelis have pursued their military vendetta with the PLO with such savagery in Lebanon, there is today much more understanding of and sympathy for the political aspirations of the Palestinians.

At the heart of these aspirations is the yearning for a homeland, an independent Palestinian state in Palestine. If the Palestinians, led by the PLO, now concentrate on pursuing this objective by peaceful means, they may find that in losing their military capability they have acquired a political advantage — just as at the moment when Israel has forfeited what has always been its greatest asset: the sympathy and friendship of the Western world.

Letters to the editor

Letter disputed

Sir,

The letter of Mohd. Seirawan in your newspaper on Aug. 19 should not go unchallenged in its slanderous attack on the United States.

1 — The USA is not killing Arab women and babies. The USA, alone, actively negotiated the end of the Israeli attack on the PLO in Lebanon and worked out the Camp David accords to the benefit of Egypt.

2 — Most USA colleges are of very poor quality. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Mit, Stanford and many others rate with the best in the world.

3 — "American consultants are not up to standard." Bechtel has done a superb job with Jubaib, as has Parsons with Yanbu, the US Corps of Engineers and C.R.S. with many major government projects. Nobody can surpass their standards of engineering and tender processing.

4 — "America offers shoddy goods." Is he referring to the Saudi aircraft, or all the Aramco installations, or the thousands of American cars?

I don't believe the writer is an Arab. Please spare your readers from such cheap propaganda.

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Treatment of Filipinos

Sir,

My colleagues are so perplexed and dismayed about the poor treatment meted out to Filipino workers in general. We must remember that no two persons are alike. We should not judge them hastily or denounce them all. We should not let innocent people suffer just for the mistakes of others and should remember that these workers come here to help us. Their efficiency ratings are highly regarded throughout the world. We should be thankful to these Filipinos for sharing their experiences in the further development of our Kingdom.

Hassan Said A. Lissam
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WAR OF ATTENTION

Iraq has begun to bomb the oil-import terminal in Kharg Island in the middle of the Gulf waterway which serves as the conduit for oil to be exported by the littoral states. Already, oil tankers have been scared away from the terminal and the London maritime insurance companies have tripled their insurance war risks rate for cargoes of oil using Kharg.

Even without tripling the rates, the companies will take the risk of sending their tankers to load at the terminal which will deal a serious blow to Iraq's oil exports just as the suspension of exports through the Suez Canal earlier this year had adversely affected Iraq's export capacity.

Iran and Iraq have so far failed miserably to reach a peaceful settlement of the disastrous war in the Gulf and there is not much hopeful sign that they would without a decisive military victory for one side or the other. This seems to be out of the question for the time being, giving rise to a catastrophic war of attrition which can only aggravate the sufferings of what were until recently major Islamic states at war against economic and military structures.

But the worst is still to come. It is not going to be the destruction of its only submarine cable system without a violent reaction which may well be in other areas of the region if it cannot remain in the air against itself. The senseless destruction of resources that may result will dwarf everything else that has been visited. For unless a determined attempt is made at this to bring about an immediate and honorable end to the war, already, several hundred thousands of young soldiers and many more civilians have been killed and wounded. The two countries have lost more money than they had earned in the 12 years preceding the war.

Unless the recently-constituted Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference takes it upon itself to mediate an end to the war at any cost, the consequences of the current escalation will be utterly frightful to contemplate.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's newspapers called on the Arabs to forget their marginal differences for the sake of their main cause, and said Saturday's planned foreign ministers conference in Morocco should serve as a historic turning point to recover Palestinian rights.

Other said, "Arab ministers were meeting tomorrow to prepare for an Arab summit at a time developments in the region made it necessary to take practical and effective measures determining the Arabs' future for a long time to come."

"This was because of the serious challenges imposed on them, especially the dangerous designs aimed at stabbing their prime cause in the heart, namely the Palestine cause," it added.

"In view of the current developments, it has become inevitable for the Arabs to unite and forget their marginal differences for the sake of their cause," Olaya wrote. The paper affirmed that the world would not respect the Arabs or meet their just demands "unless it felt we are united and adopt a joint stand."

"This is in fact the responsibility of Arab leaders at the Foreign Ministers' conference for which the foreign ministers will be preparing at their meeting tomorrow," it said. Al-Madina said that a review

Spain's Socialists confident of winning elections

By Brian Mooney

MADRID — Spain's opposition Socialist Party, confident of winning general elections in the next few months, is drawing up plans for what would be the country's first left-wing government since the 1936-39 civil war. By the standard of other Western Socialist parties, the Spaniards' plans are cautious almost to the point of reading like a blueprint for a mildly reformist social democratic administration.

But in fundamentally conservative Spain, where only seven years ago the Socialist Party was outlawed and persecuted, the perspective is very different. A Socialist government would herald a significant change in Spain whose fledgling parliamentary democracy has not yet fully emerged from the shadow of the late Gen. Francisco Franco.

The Socialists under the moderate leadership of Felipe Gonzalez, a 40-year-old lawyer with the *maestro* (teacher) side represented in the Palestinian people's right to an honorable life.

They see last year's attempted military takeover as chilling proof of the threat. Many politicians in Spain, not just the Socialists, argue that the threat will disappear only if the soldiers, reared on victory over the left in the civil war, stay in their barracks in the event of a Socialist victory at the polls.

Most believe that the army will remain loyal to the constitution. The Socialists are clearly hoping to minimize the risks but they know there are some they cannot avoid. They intend to overhaul both the political and military establishments but plan to steer clear of the extreme policies, like nationalization of commandos from Lebanon," it said. (SPA)

and cause major friction.

Considerations about how Spain would fare under a Socialist government have assumed a sense of urgency in recent weeks following a series of public opinion polls predicting that the party would win early general elections. "Elections are won and lost on polling day, but yes, we are preparing to form the next government," Socialist spokesman Helga Soto said.

Predictions of a Socialist victory are based on the assumption that the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) will continue to fall apart and fail to muster a majority in congress (lower house) for a key budget debate in September or October. This would precipitate elections not normally due until next April and leave the center and right helplessly divided in the face of the Socialists who polled second to the UCD in the last elections in 1979.

Under the slogan "a majority for change," the Socialists are spelling out how they intend to govern Spain. They promise a major shakeup in the state bureaucracy, both structurally and in terms of top personnel. "Our bureaucracy belongs to the Third World. There will be tremendous changes," a party spokeswoman said.

The Socialists have equally ambitious plans for overhauling Spain's armed forces which they say have hardly been touched since the Franco era. The party's deputy leader, Alfonso Guerra, said in a recent interview there were many changes envisaged for the military.

Guerra bluntly accused the UCD of serious errors in promoting senior officers whose loyalty to the constitution was at best questionable. He cited as anomalies the fact that army garrisons in Spain are positioned around the big cities in the interior not at the borders and the continued existence of military

governors ruling side by side with civilian authorities in the regions.

Spain has recently become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) giving the forces what many observers believed would be a chance to modernize and look outward. But the Socialists, nonetheless, are committed to holding a national referendum on Spain's membership of NATO if they win the elections even at the risk of disaffection in the barracks.

Another area of potential friction with the military involves a promise by Guerra that the party would reopen the frontier with Gibraltar which Spain closed 13 years ago as part of a campaign to force Britain to surrender its colony. Guerra said it no longer served any purpose to keep the frontier closed — a view which may not be entirely shared by all Spanish Army officers.

On the economic front, the Socialists are promising that there will be no big surprises. They are not planning any wholesale nationalization of industries or banks.

They are not preparing to burden the people with heavier taxes, believing that the present levels of taxation are sufficient — provided they are collected. They are promising to reduce the rate of unemployment which has risen from 700,000 in 1977 to more than two million, and create more jobs by increasing public expenditures.

Opponents of the Socialists argue that they have no real economic program and that their soft approach is only a screen behind which they are masking more radical projects. Their critics are also afraid that a Socialist government would create exaggerated expectations and encourage demands by workers which could not be realistically met. (R)

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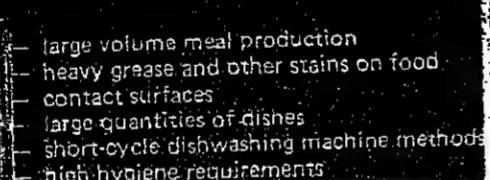


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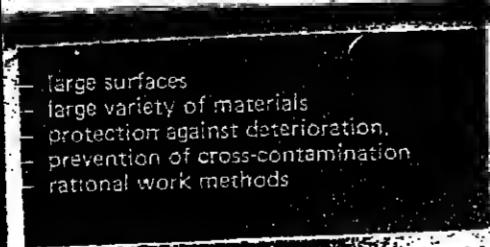
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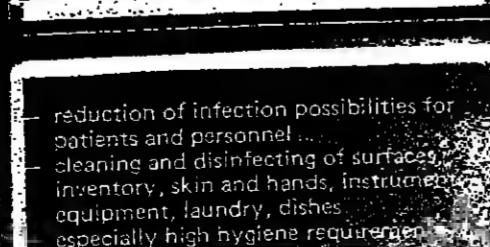
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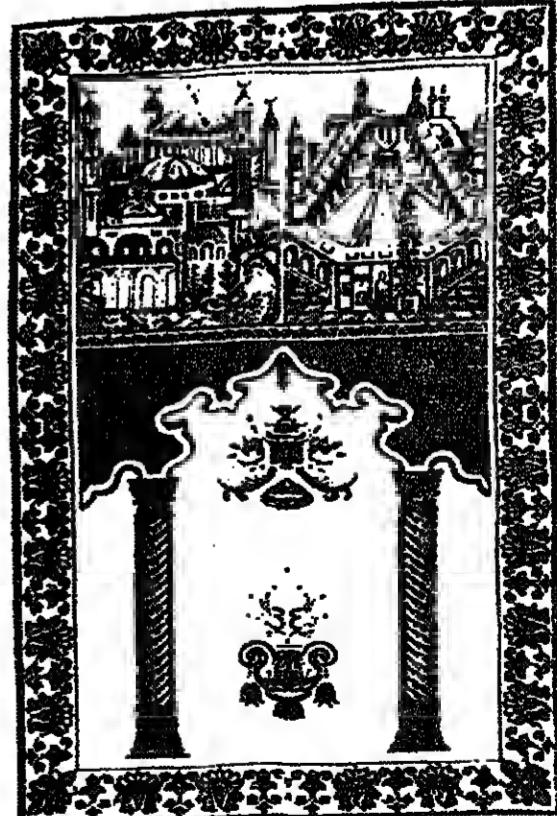
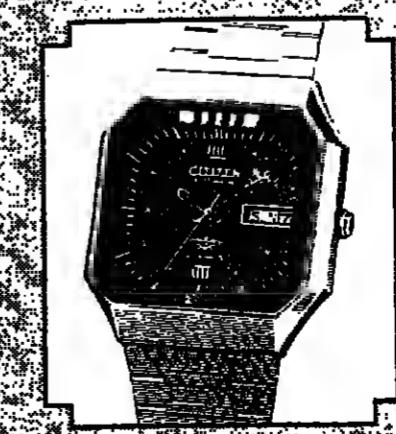


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Many a brush with icy death

By Alison Maitland

LONDON (R) — "It is a mad and suitably British idea," declared Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, when explorers Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Charles Burton set off three years ago on an epic round the world voyage in both polar caps.

They return to London Sunday and the prince, an expedition patron, will welcome them home after the journey during which they brushed several times with an icy death, saw their fingers and toes split by extreme cold and came face to face with hungry polar bears.

Throughout an admittedly self-imposed ordeal they demonstrated a spirit of fortitude and adventure reminiscent of the great British Antarctic explorers earlier this century — men like Capt. Robert Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton.

The perilous first attempt to circle the earth in its axis began in London in September 1979 when ex-soldiers Sir Ranulph, 38, and Burton, 40, and Oliver Shepard set off down the River Thames in their support ship *Benjamin Bowring*.

Transglobe expedition leader Sir Ranulph — full name Ranulph Twisleton-Nykeham-Fiennes — was educated at Eton, his prestige school for boys founded in 1440.

Sir Ranulph joined the army, becoming a member of its elite and secretive special air service (SAS). He has explored the white Nile in a hovercraft and written five travel books.

For eight months they sat through the winter darkness on the edge of the Antarctic plateau in cardboard huts in temperatures as low as minus 54 Celsius, setting off in October 1980 across an ocean of ice, much of it unmapped and devoid of landmarks.

The last British explorers to cross this wasteland were Sir Edmund Hillary and Sir Vivian Fuchs in 1958, the latter now an adviser to the transglobe expedition.

The extreme cold split the men's fingers, toes, lips and nostrils despite coatings of salve. During the 47-day, 1,530-km trek to the Pole, Burton plunged into a crevasse on his snowmobile and was saved only by his rope and harness, which the others seized.

Nearly 70 years earlier, Capt. Robert Falconer and the last two of his original four companions died in Antarctic blizzards after being beaten to the South Pole by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen.

Sir Ranulph, Burton and Shepard arrived safely at the Pole on Dec. 14, 1980. After nine months by sea and river north to Canada, they were to face greater hazards on their journey to the top of the world. It was

the stuff children's comics are made of — disaster after disaster created nerve-racking suspense.

Without Shepard, who had dropped out of the expedition, Sir Ranulph and Burton set off last February from the world's most northerly point of habitation — the Alert military base on the Canadian island of Ellesmere.

Sir Ranulph had no illusions about the 830-km trek through continuous darkness to the North Pole. "Nowhere is there so hostile and uncertain a region as the Arctic," he said. "To travel on its broken skin is to court death."

The first setback was a fire at the base camp at Alert that destroyed five of their snowmobiles, stranding them for two days until replacements could be found and flown out to them. Eleven days later, a snowmobile carrying Sir Ranulph plunged through thin ice into the deep Arctic ocean, taking their tent, heating and cooking equipment, maps and charts with it. Sir Ranulph managed to jump rope to safety.

The two men survived by huddling together in a sleeping bag with only a thin flysheet to protect them against minus 26 degrees Celsius of cold.

Equipped with fresh supplies and a new snow vehicle they battled on, only to meet an

arctic heat wave that melted the ice around them and halfed them 600 kms from the Pole. It was the mildest arctic winter on record. But by good fortune their ice floe was blown into an ice pack and the two men were able to scramble to safety.

In a near rerun of the 1911 South Pole race, a team led by Norwegian explorer Ragnar Thorseth said it would try to reach the North Pole first by a parallel route. But the melting ice caused problems for the Norwegians too and eventually they had to be evacuated by plane.

The British explorers arrived at the North Pole on April 11, eight weeks after leaving Alert and four days ahead of schedule. But their problems were not over. On the last leg south their supply plane developed engine trouble, stranding them with only four days of rations. Then they drifted on ice floes for 99 days, at one point being blown back north again.

Their camp on the floes was visited by 18 polar bears, which they drove away by banging saucepans and firing warning shots. Then there was a final 16 km dash across melting, jagged ice to the sea and their supply ship, *Benjamin Bowring*.

Their 83,000-km expedition had explicit purposes: they set up trade exhibitions in route to promote sales of some of over 1,000 mainly British firms that sponsored them. And they carried out scientific and medical research.

New comet in the sky

By Lee Dembart

LAKE OF THE WOODS, California (LAT) — There's a just-discovered comet in the sky these nights, so a cluster of amateur astronomers journeyed recently to a dark spot near the top of Mount Pinos, 100 miles north of Los Angeles, to try to get a good look at it.

Interest in the comet has been growing since June, when Rodney Richard Dacre Austin, an amateur in New Zealand, discovered it in the morning sky and gave it its name, Comet Austin.

Many skywatchers hoped the new comet would be bright and visible, like Halley's Comet, whose return later in this decade they eagerly await. But, still smarting from the Kohoutek Comet fizzle of a few years ago, they didn't want to say too much about it.

Once a month, on the Saturday night after a new moon, when the sky is darkest, several dozen amateur astronomers gather in a large parking lot, 8,831 feet up in the Los Padres national forest, far from city lights.

They arrive in campers, set up their equipment and play tapes of star music while scanning the heavens. If someone turns on a light or, worse yet, headlights, they scowl and shout.

Some look at planets. Jupiter and its moons and Saturn and its rings were clearly visible just after sunset. "It changes every night," said Charles Durham, who has been viewing the sky for 15 of his 50 years. "I never get tired of looking at it."

Others look for familiar objects that tan-

talize the imagination: M13, a ball containing hundreds of thousands of stars, the Lagoon nebula, a cloud of hydrogen gas from which new stars condense, the Andromeda galaxy, 2 million light years away.

When the light that was observed Saturday night left the Andromeda galaxy, mastodons and sabre-toothed tigers walked the earth.

Bambi Hale, 14, was using her six-inch telescope to observe Messier objects, 103 clusters and nebulae that were catalogued by the Frenchman Messier in 1784.

"I'm booked on astronomy, at least as a hobby, and maybe as a profession." Nearby stood her father, Jim. "She's the astronomer. I'm just the chauffeur," he said.

But the big attraction was Comet Austin and, after several tries, it was spotted in the northwest sky, just below the big dipper. A pair of binoculars was mounted on a tripod, and people took turns looking at the comet, a small fuzzy object, like a cotton ball.

Some said they could see the tail pointing back up toward the big dipper. The tail is created when escaping gases from the sun — the so-called solar wind — blow ice and debris into space from the head of the comet back into space.

Hal Jandorf, whose enthusiasm sparked the interest of many who gathered around him, had hoped to take pictures of Comet Austin. But the comet just wasn't bright enough.

"Just think," Jandorf sighed, "we came all the way up here and all of that drive just to see a fuzzy spot. Halley's will be a lot better than that."

Venice restoring glory of oldest film festival

By Françoise Maupin

At the height of its fame the "Mostra" was presenting such great directors as Kurosawa (Japan), Satyajit Ray (India), Alain Resnais (France) and Francesco Rosi (Italy).

In 1980 "Mostra" resorted to its traditional prize of the "Leone d'Oro" (golden lion) award. Then last June, after endless wrangling, Carlo Lizzani announced that the "Mostra" would not be held unless the state honored its promise to help subsidize it. The cash arrived in time.

"Mostra" will show 110 films for its 50th anniversary, not counting a wide selection of major films from former Venice festivals that have already been shown here this month. At the same time the festival film council has chosen 31 films from 15 countries to compete for the "Leone d'Oro".

The festival died in 1941 as World War II threatened to spread after Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union a few months before, and then again in the 1970s when the Italian film world was wracked by ideological debates.

But it was launched again in 1979 under the guidance of film director Carlo Lizzani, and for the past four years its "new look" has had an expressed aim of being accessible to all cultural trends as well as restoring former prestige.

Dinge (The waythings are) by Wim Wenders.

The Soviet Union's *Agony* by Nikolai Klimov is particularly awaited — outside the competition — as it has been held back for release for several years by Moscow. There are also four films from East European countries.

Three U.S. films to be shown are *Tempest* by Paul Mazursky, *A Midsummer Night's Comedy* by Woody Allen, and *Blade Runner*. The Third World will be represented, among other films, by Egypt's *Hadate Misriya* (Memory) by Youssef Chahine.

Expected successes will have avant-premieres at Venice, like *Victor Victoria* by Blake Edwards, *E.T.* by Steven Spielberg and *Pottergeist* by Tobe Hooper.

Stars expected to attend include Gina Lollobrigida, Jose Ferrer, Isabelle Huppert, Vittorio Gassman, Jean-Louis Trintignant and Franco Nero.

The "Mostra" jury will include Marcel Carné (France), Satyajit Ray (India), Andrei Tarkovsky (Soviet Union), Mario Monicelli (Italy) and Gillo Pontecorvo (Italy).

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STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.
Steinrohn
M.D., F.A.C.P.

babies by drinking as much as two cups of coffee daily during the first four months of my pregnancy. I've quit. The question is will there be any birth defects. Am I worrying unnecessarily? — Mrs. E.

Dear Mrs. E.: Here are the conclusions in a study made by Shai Linn, M.D. and associates and published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in an article called, "No Association Between Coffee Consumption and Adverse Outcomes of Pregnancy." These investigators concluded, "Furthermore, there was no excess of malformations among coffee drinkers. These negative results suggest that coffee consumption has a minimal effect, if any, on the outcome of pregnancy." But, they found that low birth weight occurred more often among offspring of women who drank four or more cups of coffee a day and more often among the offspring of smokers.

For Mrs. Y.: Here are some interesting facts about dieting brought out in an annual meeting of the Calorie Control Council:

- * One-half of U.S. households contain a dieter.
- * One in every five adult Americans is dieting.
- * The average dieter will attempt three to five dieting efforts per year.
- * 60 percent of all women diet in contrast to 25 percent of men.
- * 70 percent of dieters want to maintain their current weight or lose up to 10 pounds; 30 percent want to lose more than 10 pounds.
- * 15 percent of the United States population consider themselves 30 percent or more overweight.
- * 90 percent of dieters will skip meals, while one in three will try a specific diet or a crash diet.

(Tomorrow: Medication for anxiety)

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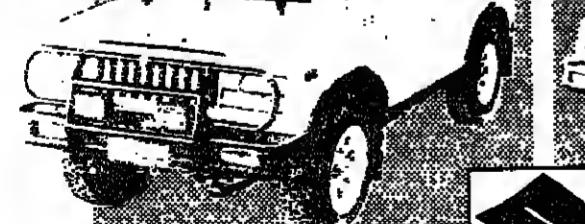
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Blames Hanoi for tension

Peking rejects plea for truce on border

PEKING, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Communists China has rejected a recent Vietnamese proposal for a ceasefire along their common border and accused Hanoi of being responsible for the continuing hostilities by its "anti-China policy," the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.

In a note addressed to the Vietnamese Embassy here, the Chinese foreign minister said "facts have shown that tension along the Sino-Vietnamese border has resulted solely from the Vietnamese authorities' pursuance of an anti-China policy and deliberate provocations against China's border areas."

Vietnam had proposed a ceasefire and suspension of border hostilities from Aug. 27 to Oct. 1, so that the two countries could celebrate their national days peacefully. The Vietnamese National Day falls on Sept. 2, and China's on Oct. 1.

Tanzania tries Kenya rebels

DAR ES SALAAM, Aug. 27 (R) — The mysterious "People's Redemption Council" which tried to overthrow the Kenyan government Aug. 1 was led by a Kenyan Air Force private now on trial in Tanzania, a court was told Thursday. The man was named by a fellow accused as senior Pvt. Heekiel Ochuka.

Senior Sgt. Pancras Oteyo Okumu, who is on trial with Pvt. Ochuka on charges of kidnapping two Kenyan Air Force officers and forcing them to fly to Tanzania told the court in Dar Es Salaam that he was a member of the redemption council but Pvt. Ochuka did not testify.

Up to now, little has been known about the self-styled council, which began broadcasting that it had toppled President Daniel Arap

U.S. airlines make random searches

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Pan Am planes are being subjected to spot searches and a second U.S. airline has begun making routine bomb checks because of the discovery of a second bomb on a Pan Am Jumbo jet, officials said Thursday.

Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta, began the checks Wednesday night on all international and a few domestic flights. "The routine will continue until we feel this bomb threat situation has ended," said Delta spokesman Bill Berry.

In Los Angeles, police searched two Pan Am planes Wednesday night but nothing was found, said Pan Am spokesman Jeff Kriender in New York, the headquarters for Pan American World Airways. "We didn't have any threat. It was just a precautionary measure for stepped-up security reasons," Kriender

Responding to the Aug. 14 Vietnamese note, Peking accused Hanoi of "intrusions" into Chinese territories since early this year, and said the Vietnamese Air Force has "violated" Chinese air space on "reconnaissance" flights on several occasions.

The note further contended that Vietnamese ships have "attacked and seized" Chinese fishing boats, and their crews, that Hanoi "has up to now refused to return to China."

The ministry has not yet responded to Hanoi's call for a renewal of negotiations between the two countries, spelled out last Monday by the Communist Party journal *Nhan Dan*. The negotiations began after the February-March 1979 conflict between the two countries, and were broken off by Peking two years ago following what it considered to be numerous fruitless sessions.

Soviet Army in E. Germany 'reinforced'

BONN, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The Soviet Army is reinforcing its 20 East German divisions by 30-40 percent in reaction to reinforcements in Atlantic alliance anti-tank defenses, military sources say.

The Soviet Union has a total of some 385,000 troops in East Germany. East German troops number about 150,000. The sources say the major points of the Soviet program are:

• Addition by 1983 of 2,000 artillery systems — heavy mortars, rocket launchers and cannon — designed to precede armor on the battlefield and wipe out anti-tank weapons in the event of a conflict.

• Addition of a 152MM self-propelled artillery battalion to every tank column.

• Replacement of armored infantry companies with much larger battalions in the three tank columns of each of the 10 armored divisions, and the addition of BMP-73 light tanks.

• Reinforcement of armored infantry columns with a self-propelled artillery battalion.

The program was begun in 1980, following Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's Oct. 6, 1979 announcement of the withdrawal of 20,000 men and 1,000 tanks from East Germany, the sources said.

Under the restructure, the Soviets are reintroducing in East Germany 17,000 men, 250 T-62, and T-72 tanks, several hundred BMP-73 light infantry tanks, and 1,000 cannon and missile launchers, they said.

A source said the strength of Soviet military units in East Germany has been increasing steadily since 1975. In 1975, for example, there were 344 tanks in a Soviet armored division, against 415 today. A mechanized infantry division contained 272 tanks in 1975, 320 today. An armored division had 120 vehicles then, 175 today. And in 1977, said the source, there were 366,000 Soviet troops in East Germany, against today's 385,000.

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The council, which accused President Moi's government of corruption and said pro-Western Kenya would start following a nonaligned path, did not identify its members.

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The most recent bomb was found by a cleaning crew Wednesday after Pan Am flight 441 arrived in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Another Pan Am spokesman, Jim Arey, said nothing had been reported linking the bomb found in Brazil and the one that went off as flight 830 was about 140 miles from Hawaii. Fifteen passengers were hurt in the blast. No arrests have been made and the motives are unknown.

On Aug. 11, a 16-year-old Japanese boy was killed when a bomb exploded on Pan Am's flight 830 from Tokyo to Honolulu. Another Pan Am spokesman, Jim Arey, said nothing had been reported linking the bomb found in Brazil and the one that went off as flight 830 was about 140 miles from Hawaii. Fifteen passengers were hurt in the blast. No arrests have been made and the motives are unknown.

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For 4th time in 6 weeks

Fed trims discount rate to 10 percent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R) — The Federal Reserve Board has cut its principal lending rate to 10 percent from Friday in a move that could lead to reductions in other key U.S. interest rates.

In reaction to earlier U.S. cuts, interest rates in West Germany and elsewhere in Western Europe fell Thursday in the hope that cheaper credit would provide an economic boost. The so-called discount rate the U.S. central bank charges its member banks for loans is now at its lowest point since July, 1980, when the current U.S. recession began.

In recent months, the Federal Reserve has shown a new and largely unexpected leniency in its monetary policy. It has cut the discount rate in half-point increments in four of the past six weeks.

The Fed's rate reductions have quickly translated into cuts in other U.S. interest rates. For example, major U.S. banks last week reduced the "prime rates" they charge on loans to their most creditworthy corporate customers to 13.5 percent. The prime rate

had been steady at 16.5 percent for most of the spring.

The financial markets have also reacted favorably to the Fed's new policy attitude. Share prices have soared in the past two weeks and volume on the exchanges hit an all-time record Thursday.

One of the reasons the central bank has been able to ease up on its monetary policy is that recession has been much harsher than had been anticipated. This, in turn, has dried up demand for credit and bank loans and allowed interest rates to fall.

The Fed originally advocated tight monetary growth targets in an attempt to bring down the U.S. inflation rate, which was at 12 percent when President Reagan took office 18 months ago.

The White House quickly backed the central bank in this undertaking and inflation has fallen dramatically. It stood at just over seven percent in June. But the improvement in inflation has been accompanied by 9.8 percent unemployment, the highest rate in 40 years, and a massive surge in bankruptcies.

West vies for Algeria market

ALGIERS, Aug. 27 (AP) — Competition is increasing among European, Japanese and American firms trying to win a larger share of Algeria's estimated \$11 billion import market at a time when the world recession has cut growth in most economies.

"With its developing industrial base, Algeria is in the market for almost everything and it has money to spend," said a Western trade official.

Algeria buys 80 percent of its imports from the West, and a tour of Algeria's 19th international trade fair, which runs through Sept. 10, reflects the importance the 1,356 foreign firms from 50 countries represented there to the market.

Algeria's trading partners have come to the fair with everything from manufacturing

machinery, construction and agricultural equipment, passenger cars and heavy vehicles, to high technology communications equipment, stoves and refrigerators and office supplies.

Few contracts are concluded at the fair. That takes months, if not years, of detailed negotiations with Algeria's large, state-owned enterprises. But foreign businessmen with long experience here say participation in the fair generates considerable goodwill among Algerian officials who appreciate the interest and effort displayed by participants.

France, Algeria's largest trading partner, sold more than \$2 billion worth of exports to its former colony in 1981. About 400 French companies represented at the fair fill an open space and three pavilions.

U.S. moots fund to aid needy states

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R) — U.S. officials are considering the creation of an international fund to help financially troubled countries, administration sources have said.

They will raise the idea at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) meeting next month in Tokyo.

The sources said officials at the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Board had been talking in "very broad terms" about the possible need for a new fund for countries that find themselves in economic emergencies.

The financial woes of Mexico and Poland, plus the economic fragility of various African and South American countries, are expected to be a major topic at the annual meeting of the IMF in Tokyo from Sept. 6 to 9.

"The United States will not take a specific proposal to Tokyo," one source said. "But we will test the waters to see what sort of reaction there is to this idea."

Monetary sources said some officials at the Federal Reserve Board had suggested that a new fund be set up with \$25 billion contributed by member countries of the IMF.

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Drought hits 3m in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Ethiopia is in the throes of another devastating drought that could affect more than three million people, according to the recent report by the authorities.

The report, by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), says another 1.6 million people are still on its dole roll as war-displaced.

The commission places the figure needing immediate and long-term assistance at 5.5 million people, 300,000 more than two years ago when a similar calamity hit the country.

But the situation appears similar to the 1972-74 major drought disaster that claimed an estimated 20,000 lives in Wollo province alone.

The RRC report says 13 out of the country's 14 provinces — just one less than the 1972-74 catastrophe, have been severely hit. Wollo still being among the worst affected.

World Bank says

Turkey's policy bearing fruit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AP) — Turkey's economic policy measures implemented in 1980 and 1981 are now beginning to bear fruit on a broad front, the World Bank said Thursday in its annual report.

In a press briefing, Helen Hughes, director of the bank's economic analysis and projections department, commented that the bank "is fairly confident that Turkey is managing its problems well because of its performance in the past three years."

The bank said sustained efforts at implementing adjustment policies, combined with international support from official and private financial sources, "should enable Turkey to sustain the growth that occurred in 1981 and keep its current-account deficit with manageable limits."

The bank said Egypt's growth in foreign-exchange earnings will likely be less rapid in recent years.

It said recent economic developments underline for Egypt "the urgency of undertaking structural reforms that address, simultaneously, the country's need for greater mobilization of resources, for orienting its economy more toward exports, and for improving the allocations of resources so that a high return on its investment program — in particular, that part on it concerning industry and agriculture — might be achieved."

Syria's balance of payments may come under further severe strain over the coming years as the country moves from being a net exporter of petroleum to a net importer, the bank report said.

The three countries of the West had differing economic experiences in 1981.

The bank report noted: "though Algeria saw its balance on current account swing from a surplus of \$250 million to a deficit of \$1,000 million prospects for 1982 are considered more favorable. Morocco suffered setbacks on a broad economic front. Tunisia's economic performance, on the other hand, was good as gross domestic product grew by 6.5 percent."

Referring to India, the World Bank said that while the Indian economy's recovery phase is now largely complete, it "is left with some severe imbalances." It said that because of adverse trade movements, the balance of payments continues to be a problem.

The bank said Pakistan continued strong economic performance in 1982 despite a number of adverse developments. The report said: "Pakistan's balance of payments has been assisted in recent years by a significant improvement in exports, a rapid increase in workers' remittances, a rescheduling of official concessional debt by bilateral members of the Pakistan consortium, and agreement with the International Monetary Fund on a three-year financing from its extend fund facility."

The bank said economic growth in Bangladesh in fiscal 1982 was substantially lower than the previous year and future prospects were clouded because of severe external and domestic financial problems.

France halts TV imports from Japan

BRUSSELS, Aug. 27 (AFP) — France was Friday authorized to suspend temporarily imports of color televisions from Japan and South Korea transported via other member states of the European Economic Community (EEC), under a community commission ruling.

Requests for import permit for Japanese color televisions which were filed between Aug. 2 and 6 represented 33.33 percent of the annual quota of 87,000 units for France. Imports have, therefore, been suspended between Aug. 6 and Oct. 1982.

Since the beginning of this year France has imported 26,000 color televisions from South Korea, although imports are subject to an annual quota of 14,000 units.

Peking lays claim to Natuna isles

JAKARTA, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Communist China has lodged a claim for part of the oil-producing Natuna Islands in the South China Sea, subject of a territorial dispute between Indonesia and Vietnam, according to press reports in this Indonesian capital Friday.

China had claimed an area as far as the waters near the Indonesian island of Bangka, east of Sumatra.

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With slump in imports**U.S. incurs \$2.4b trade deficit**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AP) — The United States foreign trade deficit narrowed to \$2.42 billion in July, as non-oil imports fell sharply because of the recession, the U.S. Commerce Department reported Thursday. July's deficit, down from a \$3.44 billion deficit in June, was the smallest since April, and put the nation's merchandise trade deficit for the first seven months of the year at \$18.4 billion.

"July's improvement in the trade deficit was largely the result of continued weakness in the U.S. economy," Commerce Undersecretary Robert G. Dederick said.

Dederick also said the deficit for the full year should be "only moderately less than the \$39.7 billion shortfall of 1981," even though

oil imports should fall about \$1.5 billion this year.

Officials expect U.S. exports to decline this year because of the strong value of the dollar and weak economies abroad. They also expect non-oil imports to rise later in the year as the United States recovers from its recession before its main trading partners recover from theirs.

The main factor affecting the July figures was a \$2 billion decline from June in the value of imported manufactured goods, an indication of falling demand for foreign goods despite the fact that a strong U.S. dollar has meant lower import prices.

As a result, U.S. companies wound up with a \$1.1 billion trade surplus for manufactured goods in July after recording a \$875 million deficit in June.

French trade gap narrows

PARIS, Aug. 27 (R) — France's seasonally-adjusted foreign trade deficit fell to \$8.94 billion francs from 13.28 billion in June, but was wider than the revised deficit of 4.72 billion recovered in July 1981, the foreign trade ministry said.

Seasonally-adjusted imports fell to 60.74 billion francs in July from 63.45 billion in June but were up on a revised \$2.90 billion recorded in July 1981.

Adjusted exports rose to \$51.80 billion francs from \$50.17 billion in June and a revised \$48.18 billion in July 1981.

In unadjusted terms the trade deficit fell to \$6.06 billion francs from 11.78 billion in June but was up on the revised deficit of \$3.13 billion francs recorded in July 1981.

BONN, Aug. 27 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, a strong critic of U.S. economic policies, has taken the unusual step of congratulating President Ronald Reagan on helping to bring down interest rates.

The government Friday released a letter sent to Reagan by the chancellor saying Thursday's round of interest rate cuts in Europe had largely stemmed from the president's moves to reduce the U.S. budget deficit.

But Schmidt made it clear he did not want to see any move, which would reverse the present trend of falling rates.

"I congratulate you and hope the fall in interest rates will continue and benefit your economy and ours," he wrote.

During a private visit to the United States last month, the chancellor repeatedly blamed high U.S. interest rates for the persistence of

the economic recession in Western Europe. He urged the Reagan administration to cut its planned large budget deficits as a way of getting the rates down and allowing room for international economic recovery.

In his letter Schmidt praised Reagan's \$98.3 billion tax increase, passed by Congress last week, which he said led to the prospect of a lower budget deficit.

On Thursday, a number of West European banks, including West Germany's central bank, cut their interest rates in the wake of falls in key American rates.

High interest rates have been held responsible for many of West Germany's current economic ills, which include a faster rise in unemployment and in bankruptcies than almost any other Western country.

Schmidt has been criticized at home for his attacks on the U.S. at a time when trans-Atlantic ties are already strained by disputes over the Siberian gas pipeline and steel exports.

West Germany is unlikely to drop pressure on the U.S. over interest rates, however. Finance Minister Manfred Lahnstein will underline the responsibility of the U.S. in stimulating the world economy and combatting unemployment when he speaks at an International Monetary Fund (IMF) conference in Toronto next month, a ministry spokesman said.

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Inflation dips to 23-year low in Japan

TOKYO, Aug. 27 (R) — Japan's annual inflation rate fell to 1.8 percent in July, the lowest for nearly 23 years and by far the lowest of any major industrial nation, official figures released Friday showed.

The prime minister's office said the slower July rise in the consumer price index on a year-on-year basis from 2.2 percent in June reflected lower prices in the month for fruit and vegetables and some seasonal commodities. On a monthly basis, the index fell 0.7 percent from June.

The 1.7 percent gain over July last year was the slowest annual rise since a 1.5 percent gain in October 1959. Japan's inflation rate is more than three times lower than that of West Germany, which recorded a rate of 5.6 percent in July, the second lowest figure for that month among major industrial nations.

The government announced, meanwhile, that unemployment in Japan on an unadjusted basis which does not take account of seasonal factors, fell to 1.320.000 in July from 1.370.000 in June.

BA plans drastic fare cut to Japan

LONDON, Aug. 27 (AFP) — British Airways is to introduce the first ever cheap return air ticket* between Britain and Japan, to cost 745 pounds (\$1,306) — over 900 pounds (\$1,578) less than the current lowest fare.

In making the announcement here Friday, the British airline specified one important condition: Tickets must be bought at least one month before the travel date and passengers must be in Japan for between 14 days and 3 months.

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Bells toll for asbestos

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (R) — Tens of thousands of lawsuits are threatening to bury the asbestos industry under a legal landslide that is forcing companies to flee to the bankruptcy courts for protection.

The Manville Corporation, the world's largest asbestos producer, announced Thursday it was filing for reorganization under the U.S. federal bankruptcy code.

Company chairman John McKinney said that while the company's businesses were sound, "we are completely overwhelmed by the cost of the asbestos health lawsuits filed against us."

A Chicago company, UNR Industries, which has not made asbestos products since the 1960s, took the same route last month because it was facing some 12,000 lawsuits in July.

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A television documentary on the risks of asbestos production has rekindled controversy over the fiber in Britain and caused the stock market value of the biggest producer there, Turner and Newall, to plummet.

The International Metalworkers' Federation has called for a complete ban — Sweden has already done so — because it claims asbestos causes more industrial deaths than any other substance.

Dollar maintains strength

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — The U.S. dollar maintained strength to end a thin and quiet trading day firmer against the major currencies, dealers said.

The U.S. currency moved sharply higher after mid-day as the U.S. Fed funds rate opened slightly higher than expected at 9.5 and Eurodollar deposit rates held at firmer levels.

The dollar was well supported by market feeling that U.S. interest rates halted its decline and will stabilize at current levels, dealers added.

The dollar's advance in London resulted in spillover buying encouraged by the currency's strength in New York.

Sparse business in London was reflected in wide spreads, with dealers saying the rates were at best an indication. One or two com-

BRIEFS

DETROIT, (AFP) — The Japanese Nissan auto company in the U.S. announced that it will recall 118,747 Datsun 510 cars built between 1979 and 1981 because of a possible fault in the seatbelt retraction rollers. The firm added that it did not know of any accident caused by the fault which had come to light through customer complaints.

NEW DELHI, (R) — The Indian government will ask 37 foreign oil companies to make a second round of bids for oil exploration and production rights in 50 selected blocks. A petroleum ministry official said here Friday.

BONN, Aug. 27 (R) — The West German government aims to conclude in the next few days its study of an official auditors report on a request from AEG-Telefunken AG for 1.1 billion marks of state-backed credit guarantees, deputy government spokesman Lothar Ruerh said.

MONTRÉAL, (AFP) — Canada will try to sell a second Candu nuclear reactor to South Korea during a three-day visit by South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan which starts here Saturday. Foreign ministry officials in Ottawa said. Work is nearly complete on construction of the Canadian Candu plant bought by South Korea, which hopes that by 1991 40 percent of the energy consumed by its 40 million people will be provided by nuclear power.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.13	9.137
Bangladeshi Taka	15.35	15.35
Belgian Franc (1,000)	73.95	73.95
Canadian Dollar	279.50	279.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.50	142.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.00	129.65
Egyptian Pound	3.34	3.47
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.50	93.70
French Franc (1,000)	50.75	50.65
French Orange (1,000)	49.52	50.40
Indian Rupee (100)	31.95	31.95
Iraqi Dinar	5.75	5.75
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.40	25.20
Japanese Yen (10,000)	13.77	13.77
Jordanian Dinar	9.78	9.715
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.95	11.90
Lebanese Lira (100)	68.00	67.95
Moroccan Dirham (100)	56.22	56.22
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.35	28.35
Philippine Peso (100)	40.73	40.73
Portuguese Escudo (100)	6:11	6:11
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.55
Singapore Dollar (100)	160.95	160.95
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	31.52	31.52
Swiss Franc (100)	169.10	168.98
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Brewers prove too fast for A's

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Oakland speedster Rickey Henderson equaled Lou Brock's eight-year-old Major League record for stolen bases in a season as he swiped his 118th Thursday night as the A's were crushed 10-3 by the Milwaukee Brewers.

Gorman Thomas, who leads the Majors with 34 home runs, led the Brewers' 13-hit attack, driving in six runs with a pair of homers and an RBI single. Mike Caldwell handcuffed the A's on seven hits to win for the fifth time in six decisions.

Henderson equaled Brock's record in the first inning. He singled to lead off and was apparently picked off first by the left-handed Caldwell. However, the swift left fielder outraced first baseman Cecil Cooper's throw to second for his record-tying stolen base.

The crowd of more than 30,000 gave Henderson a standing ovation before he came around to score on infield ous by Dwayne Murphy, who hit a solo homer in the third, and Daaf Poppes. Henderson has missed just two of Oakland's 128 games this season.

Boston Red Sox split a doubleheader with California. Dwight Evans capped a four-run third inning with a two-run homer and Bob Stanley pitched 6 1/3 innings of four-hit shutout relief, lifting the Red Sox to a 4-3 victory. The Angels won the afternoon game 10-1 as Brian Downing and Doug Deacon homered to lead a 16-hit attack and Ken Forsch notched the 100th victory of his career by scattering seven hits.

Ernest Murray blasted a pair of home runs, including a Grand Slam in Baltimore's eighth, third inning, and Rich Dauer and Cal Ripken Jr. added three-run homers as the Orioles crushed the Toronto Blue Jays 12-5 for their sixth straight victory.

Lee Mazzilli cracked a three-run homer and Rick Cerone delivered a two-run double during New York's five-run fifth inning as the Yankees posted a 7-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins. John Wathan's two-run single highlighted a three-run eighth inning as Kansas City tripped Texas 5-3.

Manny Castillo's first Major League home run snapped an eight-inning tie and vaulted Seattle to a 5-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers, ending the Mariners' seven-game losing streak.

In the National League, Gary Carter belted his second two-run homer of the game with one out in the eighth inning to give the Montreal Expos a 5-3 victory over the Houston Astros and a sweep of a two-night double-header night as reliever Jeff Reardon posted victories in both games. In the opener, Expos won 3-2.

Three share lead in World Series Golf

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 27 (AP) — PGA champion Ray Floyd, Australian Bob Shearer and putting wizard Masahiro Kuramoto of Japan shot one-under-par 69s to tie for the first round lead Thursday in the \$400,000 World Series of Golf.

"Sunshine, wind and difficult pin placements. Those are the reasons for the high scores," said Floyd, one of only three men able to break par 70 on the 7,183-yard Firestone Country Club course that suddenly began to play as tough as the veterans remember it.

The 39-year-old Floyd is one of five men locked in a fight for the year's leading money-winning spot and chasing a \$100,000 first prize here.

Lanny Wadkins and Masters champion

Craig Stadler, both involved in the money-winning race, matched par 70, but the other two men chasing the money-title were well back in the field of 26. Tom Watson, the U.S. and British Open champion, struggled to a 75. Tom Kite shot 73, three over par. Jack Nicklaus escaped with a 71. Kuramoto, 26, one-putted 11 times, eight times for par, and saved his share of the top spot with a 20-foot (6 m), par-saving chip-in on the 18th hole.

Kuramoto, who finished fourth in the British Open and has made three trips between Japan and the U.S. in the last month, was often on the verge of disaster, but saved himself time and again. "Everything went right today," he said through an interpreter. "There were two surprises," he said. "One

is that I'm leading. The other is that no one else played better."

Shearer also was surprised to be in a tie for the top. He got there with a 40-foot (12 m) birdie putt on the 17th. "That's a putt you're not supposed to make," he said. "I was just trying to two-putt and the ball went over the hill and trickled in the cup."

Meanwhile, Donna Caponi birdied three of the final four holes to finish at four-under-par 68 to tie Hollis Stacy for the first-round lead in the \$165,000 LPGA Henredon Classic, in High Point, North Carolina.

Action resumes Friday in the 72-hole Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament, which is being played on the 6,191-yard, par 72 Willowcreek Golf Club.

In African Athletics meet

Obeng claims 100m easily

CAIRO, 27 Aug. (R) — Ghana's Ernest Obeng shrugged off defeat in the heats to take the 100 meters title in a winning time of 10.2 seconds in the African Athletics Championships here Thursday.

Obeng was third in a heat won by Senegal's Bakarr Diallo — a result which gave rise to speculation about his prospects in the final. But Obeng said after taking the title: "When I realized that I was leading halfway through the race, I knew that my problem was to keep the momentum."

The women's 800 meters was delayed for 30 minutes, because of a technical problem when the judges ruled that N'Drine Clestine of the Ivory Coast was not registered on their results sheets. The runners, having taken off their track suits and put them on again three

times, finally ran after a row between N'Drine's coach and the judges and two false starts. Clestine ultimately finished second behind Uganda's Evelyn Adiru.

In the women's 100 meters hurdles, Uganda's Ruth Kyalimisa led until the last stages when she was overtaken by Morocco's Nawal Moutawakil, who finished in 13.8 seconds ahead of Kyalimisa's 14 seconds.

Looking disappointed, the 24-year-old

Ugandan, who won the 100 and 400 meters hurdles last week in the Eastern and Central African Games, said: "It is Saturday's 400 meters hurdles that matters to me. Make no mistake I'll win it. She has already qualified to run the 400 hurdles in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

Co pulls out

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Britain's triple record bolder Sebastian Coe has pulled out of Friday's Ivo Van Damme Memorial Track meet.

A spokesman said Coe's father told the Britons organizers he did not want to exhaust his son with too much racing before the European Championships.

The organizers of the meet are known to be disappointed at losing their star attraction at such a short notice. Coe thrilled last year's Van Damme gathering with a world mile record and fans were looking forward to an exciting duel in the 800 meter, between Coe and Cuba's Alberto Juantorena.

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Despite Gower's fine knock

Imran keeps England in check

LEEDS, England, Aug. 27 (AP) — Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, stole the second day honor as he went on to score an unbeaten 67 and then grabbed four wickets as England struggled to 256 for nine in the third Test here Friday.

Pakistan, overnight 255 for eight, added another 20 runs before their innings folded. Imran, adding 18 of those to his individual score, And by close of play, England were 19 runs behind with just a wicket in hand, raising hopes of an interesting battle to follow.

Ehtesham-ud-din, the stocky medium pacer, had quick success when England batted. Openers Graeme Fowler, a debutant, and Chris Tavare were opening out when Ehtesham struck. Fowler, who began with some confident strokes, failed to read an incoming ball and was bowled. The total read 15.

Mike Gatting, promoted in the batting order and in need of a big innings, dug himself in with Chris Tavare, and both saw out the remaining period confidently. Gatting stroked the ball freely after an initial troubled existence against Ehtesham and Imran. And the passive Tavare also got going to help England reach 52 for one by lunch.

With Gatting and Tavare resuming con-

fidently after the break things looked rosy for England. But Imran had other ideas. In a devastating spell — in which he took three wickets in 25 balls yielding ten runs — he shook England to the roots.

Botham's exit heralded another slump — Randall getting himself run out for 8 and dehuman Vic Marks falling victims to Qadir's googly — reducing England to 170 for seven. Imran then removed Allan Lamb, who made his second successive ought. Lamb hoisted a short-pitched delivery over square-leg, where Mohsin held a superb catch. England were then 69 for three. His third blow came soon when he had Tavare jabbing at a rising delivery and the ball popped into the waiting hands of Haroon Rashid, substituting for Mohsin at short-leg.

Botham, joined by Gower, disregarded England's crisis and soon was in his customary violent self. He picked Qadir as his target as he hit the leg-spinner out of the attack and pushed England past the three-figure mark.

Botham took advantage of Imran's absence from the attack, the Pakistan captain surprisingly removed himself after six productive overs, and Gower also got into his element. The Somerset all-rounder went on

to his 50 in lightning time but added only seven more before playing a loose shot. He holed out to Haroon Rashid at midwicket off Sikander.

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And the stylish Gower was still there. He applied himself diligently and found an able foil in wicketkeeper Bob Taylor to see England past 200. But Imran came back for another spell to remove Taylor and England nearly lost new man Jackman, who was caught by Bari off Imran's next ball, but the umpire ruled a no ball. Gower and Jackman carried on till Gower fell for a well made 74.

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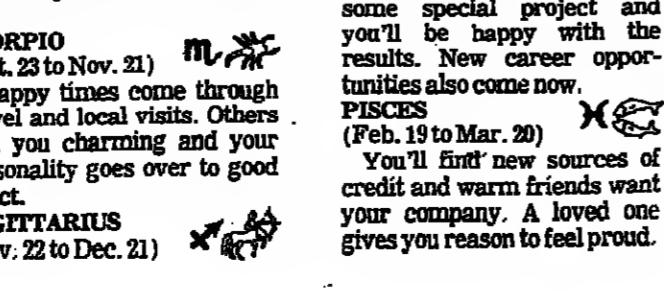
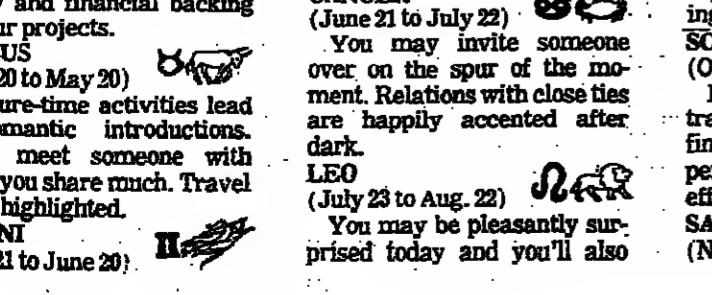
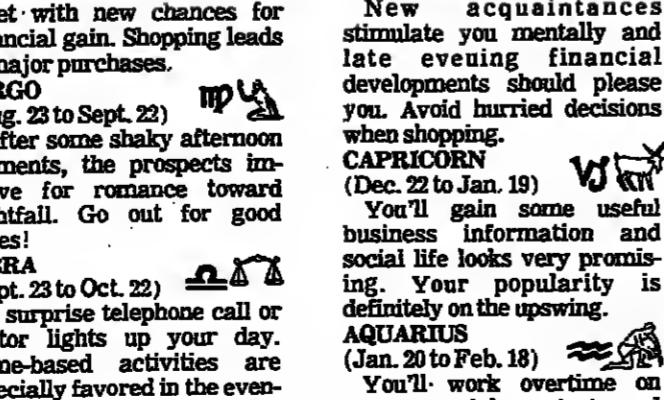
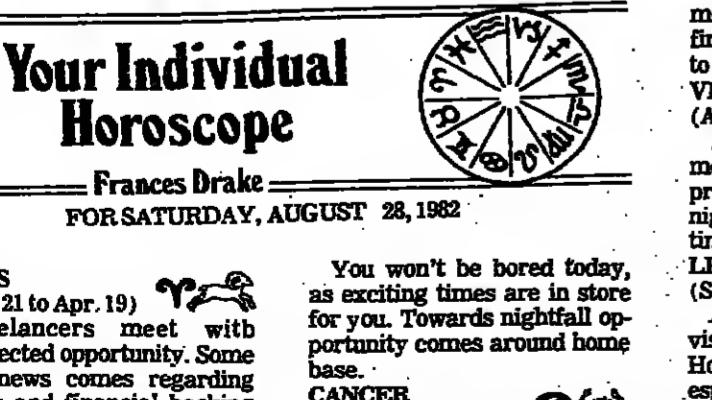
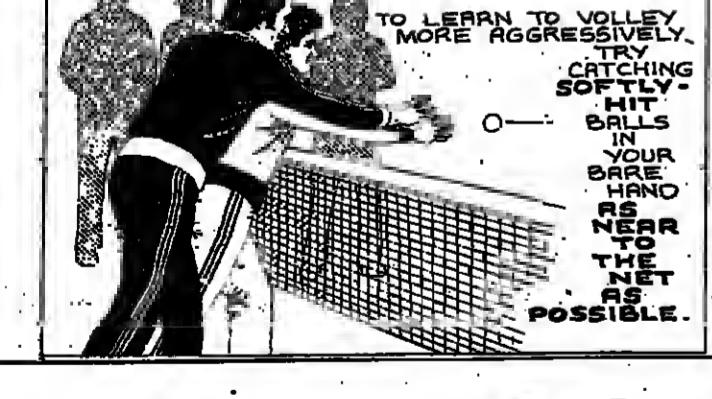
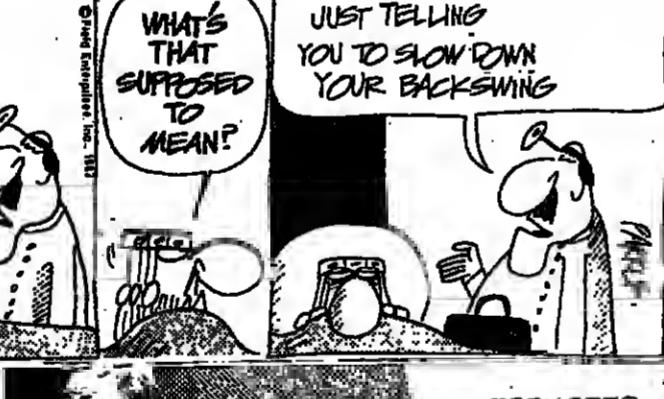
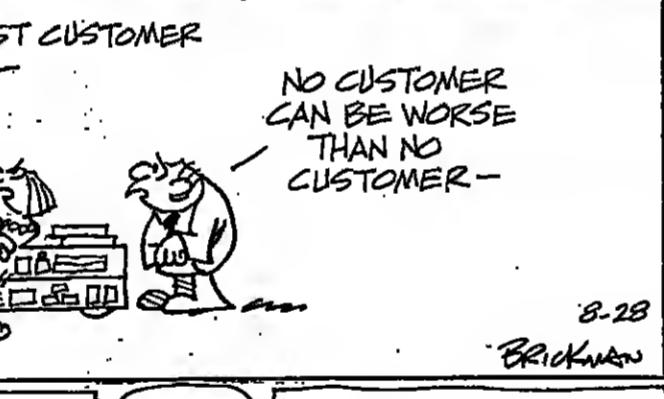
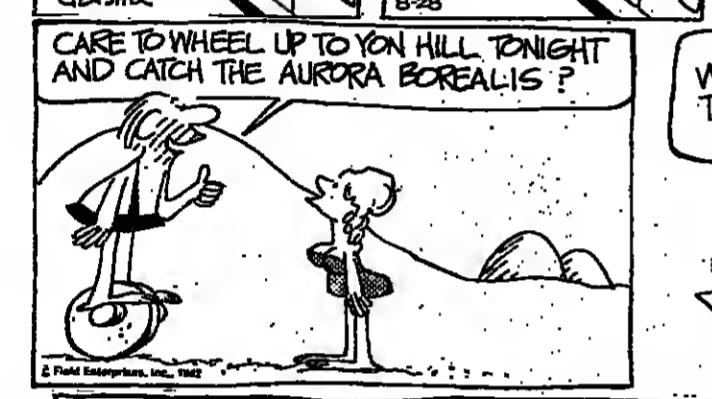
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Your Individual Horoscope



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FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1982

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Freelancers meet with unexpected opportunity. Some good news comes regarding money and financial backing for your projects.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Leisure-time activities lead to romantic introductions. You'll meet someone with whom you share much. Travel is also highlighted.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
You may be pleasantly surprised today and you'll also

meet with new chances for financial gain. Shopping leads to major purchases.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
After some shaky afternoon moments, the prospects improve for romance toward nightfall. Go out for good times!

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A surprise telephone call or visitor lights up your day. Home-based activities are especially favored in the evening.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Happy times come through travel and local visits. Others find you charming and your personality goes over to good effect.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You'll work overtime on some special project and you'll be happy with the results. New career opportunities also come now.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You'll find new sources of credit and warm friends want your company. A loved one gives you reason to feel proud.

New acquaintances stimulate you mentally and late evening financial developments should please you. Avoid hurried decisions when shopping.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You'll gain some useful business information and social life looks very promising. Your popularity is definitely on the upswing.

TAURUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You may invite someone over the spur of the moment. Relations with close ties are happily accented after dark.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
You may be pleasantly surprised today and you'll also

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